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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: TROCAR SYSTEM HAVING SHIELDED TROCAR, the specification of which:

(check one)

_____ is attached hereto

____ was filed on ____ May 30, 2000

as Application Serial No. ____ 09/580,721

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

(if applicable)

and was amended on ______June 13, 2000

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulation, 1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s) Priority Claimed

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(Number)	(Country)	(Day/Month/Year Filed)	Yes	No
(27)	(G	(December 1977)		[]
(Number)	(Country)	(Day/Month/Year Filed)	Yes	No
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, 120, of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, 112, I acknowledge the <u>duty to disclose</u> material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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	(pate	ented, pending, aban.)

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

English Language Declaration

POWER OF ATTORNEY: As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorneys to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith: Jeffrey S. Whittle, Reg. No. 36,382; Christopher F. Regan, Reg. No. 34,906; Herbert L. Allen, Reg. No. 25,322; David L. Sigalow, Reg. No. 36,006; Richard K. Warther, Reg. No. 32,180; Michael W. Taylor, Reg. No. 43,182; Henry Estevez, Reg. No. 37,823; Paul J. Ditmyer, Reg. No. 40,455; Carl M. Napolitano, Reg. No. 37,405; and Jacqueline E. Hartt, Reg. No. 37,845 and Mark R. Malek, Reg. No. P46,894.

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: HABERLAND ET AL.

Attorney Docket No.: 24039

Serial No.: 09/580,721

Filed: May 30, 2000

For: TROCAR SYSTEM HAVING SHIELDED TROCAR

VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
(37 CFR 1.9 (F) AND 1.27(C)) - SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN

I hereby declare that I am

[] the owner of the small business concern identified below:

[X] an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below:

NAME OF CONCERN: GeniCon, LC

ADDRESS OF CONCERN: 573 Waterscape Way

Orlando, FL 32828

I hereby declare that the above-identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 CFR 121.3-18, and reproduced in 37 CFR 1.9(d), for purposes of paying reduced fees under Section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time, or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either directly or indirectly one concern controls or has the power to control the other or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

If the rights held by the above-identified small business concern are not exclusive, each individual, concern or organization having rights to the invention is listed below* and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who could not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(c) or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e). *NOTE: Separate verified statements are required from each named person, concern or organization having rights to the invention averring to their status as small entities. (37 CFR 1.27)

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I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28(b))

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statement and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

NAME OF	PERS	ON SIGN	ING:	Gary	Haberla	nd —————		
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9. Statement and signature.

To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a rue copy of the original document.

<u>Jeffrey S. Whittle</u> Name of Person Signing Signature

January 24, 2001

Date

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ASSIGNMENT

R. Marchand of Dunedin, Florida; Steve Nilson of Ocala, Florida; Robert Sean Hagen of Winter Park, Florida; and Bennie W. Gladdish, Jr. of Odessa, Florida hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNORS, have made certain improvements or inventions in METHODS OF HANDLING AND USING A TROCAR SYSTEM, for which ASSIGNORS have executed an application for United States Letters Patent filed on in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on May 30, 2000 as U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/580,721; and

WHEREAS, **GENICON**, **LC**, a Florida corporation, hereinafter referred to as **ASSIGNEE**, is desirous of acquiring the same;

NOW THEREFORE, This Indenture Witnesseth: That for good and valuable consideration, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, said ASSIGNORS do hereby sell, assign and transfer to said ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, all right, title and interest in and to said United States Patent application, the invention or inventions therein shown and described and any improvements on said inventions heretofore or hereafter made, any divisions or continuations of said application, and all patents, United States and foreign, to be granted upon any such application or for the invention or inventions thereof, and any reissues, continuations or extensions of said patents; and said ASSIGNORS do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue all patents on said United States Patent applications or for the invention or inventions hereof, in accordance with this assignment.

And said ASSIGNORS for said consideration hereby covenants and agrees that said ASSIGNORS are the owners of the full title herein conveyed and has the right to convey the same, and agrees that said ASSIGNORS will communicate to said ASSIGNEE any facts known to said ASSIGNORS respecting said invention or inventions, and testify in any legal proceedings when called upon by said ASSIGNEE, sign all lawful papers deemed by said ASSIGNEE as expedient to vest in it the legal title herein sought to be conveyed or for the filing and prosecution of all applications and patents, United States and foreign, and otherwise aid said ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, in obtaining full patent protection on said invention and enforcing proper protection under said patents, but in every instance at the ASSIGNEE'S expense.

and seal this 3 day of January 2001.
Gary W. Haberland
State of Florida : : ss. County of Orange :
County of Olange:
on this 3cd day of January, 2001,
before me personally appeared the above-named ASSIGNOR, Gary W.
Haberland, to me personally known/provided identification
() as the individual who executed
the foregoing assignment, and who acknowledged to me that he/she
executed the same of his/her own free will for the purposes
therein set forth.
Kathy L. Tiana

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SEAL

KATHY L. TISSUE

COMMISSION # CC 838631 EXPIRES: May 19, 2003

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand

Notary Public

My commission expires:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, and seal this day of	, I have hereunto set my hand , 2001.
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	Sam R. Marchand
State of	
State of: ss.	
County of:	
On this day o	of, 2001,
before me personally appeared the	above-named ASSIGNOR, Sam R.
Marchand, to me personally known/p	provided identification
() as the individual who executed
the foregoing assignment, and who	acknowledged to me that he/she
executed the same of his/her own	free will for the purposes
therein set forth.	
	Notary Public
SEAL	My commission expires:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand
and seal this, day of, 2001.
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Steve Nilson
State of : ss.
County of:
On this // day of Junuary, 2001, before
me personally appeared the above-named ASSIGNOR, Steve Nilson, to
me personally known/provided identification
(<u>personally Known</u>) as the individual who executed
the foregoing assignment, and who acknowledged to me that he/she
executed the same of his/her own free will for the purposes
therein set forth.
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Notary Public
S E A L My commission expires:

Elaine J. Morris Commission # 00 813135 Expires Feb. 28, 2003 Bonded Thru Atlantic Bonding Co., Inc.

and seal this day of	I have hereunto set my hand, 2001.
	Robert Sean Hagen
State of : ss. County of :	·
country of:	
On this day or	f, 2001, before
me personally appeared the above-na	amed ASSIGNOR, Robert Sean
Hagen, to me personally known/prov	ided identification
()	as the individual who executed
the foregoing assignment, and who	acknowledged to me that he/she
executed the same of his/her own f	ree will for the purposes
therein set forth.	
	Notary Public
SEAL	My commission expires:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this day of, 2001.
Bennie W. Gladdish, Jr.
State of Port : ss. County of Port :
On this 5 day of 30 , 2001, before
me personally appeared the above-named ASSIGNOR, Bennie W.
Gladdish, Jr., to me personally known/provided identification
(POCHG43207963131) as the individual who executed
the foregoing assignment, and who acknowledged to me that he/she
executed the same of his/her own free will for the purposes
therein set forth.
TRACY MORAN Notary Public EXPIRES: June 26, 2004 Bonded Thru Notary Public Underwriters Notary Public My commission expires: